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98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Not everyone has a wireless phone for the purpose of routine communications. I, for example, have a cellular phone for emergencies. Most months, I don't even have the occasion to use it. It is not fair to assess me a monthly charge to subsidize others. I will happily pay according to the current regulations, which in effect, charge me according to my usage. As it is, I currently only pay for what I use when I use my cellular, i.e. no monthly fees, just credits I can replenish as I use them up. I understand the need to subsidize rural users, but I will give up my cellular service rather than pay a flat subsidy rate for a service I only occasionally use.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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